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ILLITERATE VOTERS.

Everybody should agree readily with

Grand Master Workman Powderly when

he indicts that no man shall be

allowed to vote who cannot read his

ballot. This is the very least qualifica-

tion that should be required.

Between the mere ability to read a

list of names and the capacity to ap-

preciate what those names stand for,

the relation of men and policies to the

welfare of the country, there is a wide

and deep chasm.

Thousands of men can read more

than names and read with a fair un-

derstanding, who never take the trouble

to think seriously on public questions,

to try men and parties by the high stand-

ard of the public weal. But this is no

argument in favor of the illiterate

voter.

If a man can read his ballot it is a fair

presumption that he can read more,

that he does read some of the publica-

tions of the day, and that he is in some

measure prepared to do his own voting

when he goes to the polls.

At the recent election men voted who

neither speak nor read one word of

English, and every one of those ballots

counted for as much as that cast by the

most intelligent citizen of the republic.

If the intelligence of the people has

anything to do with the success and

permanency of our institutions, the

electoral franchise should be held a

little above the low level of absolute

illiteracy.

It would be no hardship if every

voter were required to be able to read

the constitution of the United States

and to have some idea of what it is all

about.

Practical View of a Hard Question.

A delegation of clergymen called on

the mayor of Pittsburgh to lay before

him resolutions passed by their associa-

tion looking to the wiping out of dis-

orderly houses.

The mayor admitted readily that the

resolutions dealt with one of the worst

evils that afflict society, and at once put

some practical questions. He wanted

to know what was to become of the

2,000 or 3,000 women engaged in this

wretched business in the city of Pitts-

burgh. "These women are human—if

we drive them out of the houses they

are in, where shall they go?"

The practical mayor wanted to know

whether the clergymen saw a way to

shelter the disorderly women, a way to

earn an honest living and to reinstate

themselves. The clergymen went away

promising to think over these things.

They had not been thinking much on

that line. They saw the law broken

and the officers of the law doing next to

nothing to enforce it, and this impressed

them as it should all good citizens.

What to do with the outcasts after

they shall have been cast out of their

present abiding places, is a grave ques-

tion anywhere, the larger the city the

graver the question. There are refu-

ges, but not enough to accommodate a

general delivery. Moreover, a refuge is

only a temporary provision.

The main question is: How is the

woman to make an honest living? This

does not, of course, exhaust the whole

problem of the social evil, but it is get-

ting pretty well into the marrow of it.

Cheering Labor and Capital.

Mr. Watterson rejoiced and was ex-

ceeding glad when the free trade

plank was put in the Democratic plat-

form in the Chicago convention. In the

resplendent light of the Democratic

victory Mr. Watterson turns his atten-

tion to pig iron, and speaking with the

voice of authority, tells what is going

to happen:

Pig iron producers in America will have to pay

American wages. If they cannot do this

and produce pig iron at a profit, it will be a blessing

to the community to close the furnaces.

Undoubtedly the pig iron duty will be reduced to

5¢ if it is not placed on the free list, where ore

and coal must be placed.

This reduction in the tariff to 5¢ would not ne-

cessarily reduce present prices, but it would

give an assurance of low prices for all time to

come, and furnaces which find it impossible to

make iron at a profit at present prices, would

close operations, not for a while, but finally.

The present duty on a ton of pig iron

is \$6.72. After the duty has been re-

duced to less than half, or wiped out

entirely along with coal, furnace owners

will still have to pay American wages or

go out of the business and go out to

stay.

If the Belmont, the Riverside or the

Top Mill furnace cannot pay present

wages they must each and all shut down.

In this the men employed in those fur-

naces are to find their encouragement—

they may lose their employment, but

the wage scale will remain as it is now.

If the furnace worker fails to find in

this all he is looking for he has only

to turn to the first Democratic politi-

cian he meets and get a ready and

elaborate explanation. If the explana-

tion will not buy bread, whose fault is

that? The election being over the

workman is graciously left to hustle

for himself and see whether he can

make two and two count five.

**Miss Mather Has the Floor.**

It is nobody's business in particular,

but it would relieve the public mind of

a great strain if Miss Margaret Mather,

actress, would rise in her place and say

whether she has recently committed

matrimony. The lucky man spoken of,

if he may be so spoken of in this con-

nection, is Gustav Faber, son of the

celebrated brewer, and something in the

brewing line himself.

A great many persons have denied

the accusation as though it implies

something of which Miss Mather is in-

capable. It is not so very long ago

since Miss Mather was married to Emil

Haberkorn, who, tiring of the life of an

orchestra artist, longed for the quiet

comfort of such a home as an actress of

fair ability could make for him. Pres-

ently thereafter Mrs. Haberkorn longed

to be free and the ready divorce will

reduce her speedily to the pulp of single

blissedness.

So that it is not so startling after all

to read in Pacific coast English that

Miss Margaret Mather, nee Haberkorn,

has become the wife of Colonel Faber,

of brewing fame. If it be true some-

body is guarding the delicate secret

with all the tender care compatible with

a reasonable amount of cheap newspa-

per advertising, to which the Intelligencer

cheerfully contributes its share.

**New York as a Pendulum.**

The New York Sun shows how that

state has changed its party favor at

each presidential election for the past

twenty-eight years, swinging to the

Democratic party one year, to the Re-

publican the next:

1864.	Republican.	Democratic.
1868.	Republican.	Democratic.
1872.	Republican.	Democratic.
1876.	Republican.	Democratic.
1880.	Republican.	Democratic.
1884.	Republican.	Democratic.
1888.	Republican.	Democratic.
1892.	Republican.	Democratic.

The Intelligencer takes the mild lib-

erty to project the scheme into 1896 and

to add a line to the above:

1896.	Republican.	
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Democratic, pointing to this year's

vagary, will say they can get along with-

out New York, but when the time comes

they will be hustling for it as usual.

And it won't be their year.

**The Horse Show.**

The annual horse show is on and the

Tammany city is happy. The horse

show is a popular fad in the broadest

sense, for it draws all classes and con-

ditions of people.

The ultra fashionable make it the oc-

casional of the opening of the winter

season. They pay big prices for the

boxes and crowd on all the millinery

and they can carry. Of course they

talk horse, for that is "quite English,

you know."

Men about town drop in to see who

is there and incidentally to look at the

horses. Owners of fine horse flesh,

jockeys, stable boys, turf gamblers of all

grades, truckmen, newsboys, boot-

blacks—all get their heads into the

horse show to keep in the swim.

As we understand it, some fine horses

are there, but the people are the real

show.

**The Smoke Nuisance.**

Pittsburgh uses about 7,000 tons of

coal a day in addition to natural gas

representing about half as much more.

Part of the coal produces heat and an-

other part smoke.

Pittsburgh would like to get rid of

the smoke if it knew how and it is try-

ing to devise some means. The ex-

perts have gone far enough to advise

the authorities to forbid locomotives to

load the atmosphere with their smoke,

taking the ground that this is not ne-

cessary to the welfare of the locomotive.

If this be true in Pittsburgh it must

be true in Wheeling, where the locomo-

tive runs rampant and puffeth its smoke

where it listeth. The women of Pitts-

burgh are after the smoke nuisance.

We have some able-bodied women in

Wheeling.

**Can't Stand It.**

A special dispatch from Bridgeport,

Connecticut, to the New York Herald,

says:

Texas, Sons & Co., plush manufacturers, say

they will return to England if the tariff is

changed. The New York firm controlling the

Union Metallic Cartridge Company and the

Bridgeport Gun Hammer Company assert they

will go out of business if the tariff is altered.

The Herald is not fairly open to the

charge of trying to make capital against

the Democratic party and its declared

policy. The Herald accepts credit for

raising the issue which elected Mr.

Cleveland.

Perhaps these manufacturers are go-

ing out of business to influence the elec-

tion of 1896, as the tin plate manufac-

turers went into business for the effect

that it would have on the election of

1892.

**Unsafe Buildings.**

Chicago architects, discussing a recent

fire in that city of tall buildings, declare

that with present methods of construc-

tion the sky-scraping buildings are not

safe. These buildings represent large

investment of many and the peril of

many thousand lives. If they cannot

be built so as to be safe they should not

be permitted to be built at all.

WHAT was going on in Wetzel coun-

ty to give Mr. Pendleton, for Congress,

103 more majority than Mr. Cleveland

received for President? There was a

Populist candidate in the field and

Wetzel is his home. He made a good

campaign and cut into the Democratic

vote. It was Wetzel that gave Mr.

Pendleton his certificate of election in

1888.

When Mr. Grover Cleveland and Mr.

Whitlam Reid sat at the same table

after the election they did not throw

knives at each other. Civilization may

not be striding, but it is making head-

way in this country.

## BREAKFAST BUDGET.

The Library of Congress contains 579,-

000 volumes.

A rich strike of coal is reported from

Klamath county, Oregon.

The German emperor has a walking

stick made of rhinoceros skin.

The London Domestic Servants' Union

is now fully established with

headquarters.

North Dakota is reported to have a

newspaper published in the Sioux

language.

Eighty-two and forty-five years are

the respective ages of a recently mar-

ried husband, N. Y., couple.

Six children from one family were

lately admitted to the Soldiers' Orphan's

Home at Atchison, Kan.

A party of Fernandina, Fla., young

men contemplate visiting the World's

Fair next year in an ox cart.

Hogman, Wash., boards of a man-

moth white turnip, which measures

four feet and two inches in circumfer-

ence.

W. B. Simpson, of Vance township,

N. C., claims to have two well-devel-

oped ears of corn which grew in the same

sheaf.

A Paris laundressman uses plenty of

water and boiled potatoes, instead of

soaps, sodas and boiling powders in

cleaning clothes.

A wealthy New York Jew has gener-

ously given the Lebanon Hebrew Infant

Asylum four city lots for use as the

site of a new structure.

A prayer meeting in a New Jersey

town was adjourned, the other day, in

order to let the worshippers witness a

political torchlight parade.

In a shingle mill at Gray's Harbor,

Wash., recently, the entire works were

kept running all day on a single cedar

stick, which made 188,500 shingles.

An "albino deer" was killed by a res-

ident of Dauphin county, Penna., on

Saturday. Superstitious people claim

that this will bring bad luck to the

hunter.

The new iron monuments being placed

on the boundary line between Arizona

and New Mexico are 7 feet in height

and weigh about 800 pounds. They are

laid five miles apart.

A bedlam, Mo., carpenter fell from

the fifth story of a building, a few days

ago, to the third, where he was caught

by a few boards, and escaped "without a

broken bone."

H. K. B. Brown, of Newburgh, N. Y.,

is at present engaged on a statue for

the finest type of the native Indian for

the World's Fair. Lone Wolf, from the

Indian Territory, is the model.

Twenty-seven men in the English

mercantile marine who were candidates

for masters' and mates' certificates last

year, were rejected through their in-

ability to distinguish colors.

A well known French physician as-

serts that the biliousness so character-

istic of tropical countries is due to a

special bacterium, which, though

motionless itself, is accompanied by num-

berless moving spores.

The remains of all the French and

German soldiers who were killed during

the stage of 1870, and were interred in

the various cemeteries in and around

Kronenberg, were disinterred some

time ago and deposited in the cemetery

of St. Urban, in Strasbourg.

A pair of shears for barbers is a late

invention. The pivot between the

blades is extended to carry a comb,

which is parallel with the scissors. By

the aid of a nut the distance between

the shears and the comb can be varied

and the hair cut at any desired length.

A Lawson, Mo., barber lately issued

the following notice: "I hereby notify

my customers that I shall in future

close my barber shop at exactly 10

o'clock Sunday mornings. I cannot, in

justice to myself and family, keep my

shop open all day on the Sabbath, and

thereby deny my family the privilege of

attending church. Will be in my shop

at 7 o'clock a. m."

**THE OCEAN.**

Little drops of water,

Little grains of sand,

Make the mighty ocean,

So we understand.

Yet there's something lacking:

It is quite a sin

If we ask the question:

"Where does the salt come from?"

—Lancelotti From Press.

**The I-see-Will Be Shifted.**

**Philadelphia Inquirer.**

The Democrats have made their cam-

paign upon the declaration that a pro-

tection tariff makes the rich man rich-

er and the poor man poorer. They have

promised to reverse the proposition.

They have undertaken to make the

rich man poorer—to divide his profits—

and the poor man richer—to share in

the profits to a large extent. That

proposition must be made good. If

they can do it the masses will stick to

them without respect to the wishes of

the wealthy classes. If they cannot do

this, then the Republican orators will

be asking every laborer in 1896 these ques-

tions:

"Has tariff reform raised any of your

wages? Are there more manufacturing

now than four years ago? Are there

better opportunities for the workman

to get along in the world?"

**A Few More Home Reads.**

**Chicago Tribune.**

Hear the whining of the ax!

Admit it!

What a world of misery it's working with its

whisks!

How it slashes, slashes, slashes

Through the office-holder's necks,

While the fish-bones are a-dining

And old foghorns are a-squawking!

At the ghastly, headless wretches

Hear it chopping, chopping, chopping,

As the heads keep dropping, dropping,

And are gathered up in ghastly gloe and

Carried off to sea!

'Tis the ax, ax, ax, ax, ax, ax, ax,

Some other man is wielding Adlai's ax.

**Chronic coughers are stupid bores**

and should be forced to use Dr. Bull's

Cough Syrup, the only infallible

remedy.

**ALL persons dealing Seal Skin or Fur**

garments of any kind should attend Fur-

riers' opening, at STEFEL & CO.'s, Novem-

ber 17, 18 and 19.